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U.S. government and Municipality of Coroico inaugurate important infrastructure works

With the support of the U.S. Government, through its Agency for International Development (USAID), the Municipal Government of Coroico will inaugurate on Friday, June 9, three important infrastructure works that will allow for the development of the region's potential for tourism and the economic activities of farmers.

A shelter for farmers and a coffee processing plant, as well as a bus terminal whose completion is scheduled for the next few days, will be delivered to the community by the U.S. Ambassador to Bolivia David Greenlee, the Mayor of Coroico and authorities of the Vice Ministry of Coca and Integrated Development.

The coffee processing plant of Carmen Pampa will become an axis for economic development, since it will open the way for new markets and improve the quality of coffee processing. Additionally, the Carmen Pampa Farmer Academic Unit, part of the Bolivian Catholic University, will receive laboratory equipment to provide professional analysis of the quality of soils, coffee, and fruit, in order to control and prevent plagues and diseases. The laboratory will provide a wide variety of services at affordable prices in the zone. This investment will enable the expansion of the currently installed facilities.

The bus terminal will provide service to hundreds of thousands of visitors to Coroico. Also, the farmer's shelter will provide comfortable temporary lodging to producers arriving in Coroico to sell their produce.

These infrastructure works are the result of the mutual efforts by the Municipal Government of Coroico and other organizations to declare a non-expansion of coca cultivation zone and to generate a diversified licit economy that will allow for opportunities for the economic and tourist development of the region.

These works, which received the financial and technical support of the U.S. government, through USAID, were undertaken in order to respond to the needs identified by the residents of the municipality. The Government of United States contributed \$775,000 in cooperative aid to Coroico residents.

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